

### **REMARKS**

The Office Action mailed March 12, 2009, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Claims 1-17 were pending, claims 12-17 are rejected and claims 1-11 are allowed. By this Response, claims 12-17 have been canceled. Therefore, reconsideration and entry of the claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

#### **Art Rejections**

The Examiner rejected claims 12, 13, 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sakamoto (US 20020001788). The Examiner rejected claims 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakamoto in view of Suzuki (US 20020014483).

Applicants have canceled claims 12-17. Therefore, these rejections should be withdrawn.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner allowed claims 1-11.

Since only claims 1-11 remain, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowability.

#### **Request for Interview**

Applicants respectfully request either a telephonic or an in-person interview should there be any remaining issues.

### CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to **Deposit Account No. 02-4300, Attorney Docket No. 033082 M 241.**

Respectfully submitted,  
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